

**AN ORDINANCE**

**BY COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL**

**00-0-1611**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR THE MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE TERMS OF OFFICE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2002; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta Elected Officials Compensation Commission was established in May this year pursuant to section 2-701 of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall make its recommendations to the Council and Board of Education on the amount of compensation which it deems appropriate for the Mayor, President of Council, members of Council, and members of the Board of Education by not later than November 6, 2000, at least one year prior to the next regular municipal election as prescribed in Section 2-703 of the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, any salary change shall not become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of officials elected at the next regular municipal election following the action to change; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation for the salaries of these elected officials has now been received from the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, any future action by the Council to revise the compensation of elected officials is not restricted or precluded by these recommendations, and it is the intention of the Council to take into consideration any recommendation made by the Elected Officials Compensation Commission and to comply with requirements for such legislative action established in Section 2-306 of the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the current salaries for the Mayor (\$100,000 per annum), the President of Council (\$25,000 per annum), and Council members (\$22,000 per annum) have not changed since January 02, 1990 and for a period of almost eleven (11) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations by the Commission do not keep pace with the cost of living index or the consumer price index (CPI); and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council recognizes the importance of a livable compensation to attract highly qualified candidates to seek public office regardless of their financial status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council supports an adjustment in compensation for the elected officials who will take office in 2002 based on the reports received from the 1997 Elected Officials Compensation Commission, the 2000 Elected Officials Compensation Commission and the Consumer Price Index.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, that the following salaries for elected officials of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, for the terms of office beginning January 1, 2002 be adopted.

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>\$141,490.00</b>
<b>President of Council</b>	<b>37,885.00</b>
<b>Councilmembers</b>	<b>32,473.00</b>

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.